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In 1911, an area of 2,368 square kilometres was transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia by the State of New South Wales (NSW) to become the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The city of Canberra, Australia's national capital, is located in the northern part of this area, 300 km south-west of Sydney and 650 km north-east of Melbourne by road. On 11 May 1989, self-government for the Territory was proclaimed.

The Eastern Standard Time is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Of the six States and two Territories which comprise the Commonwealth of Australia, the ACT has the highest population density but it is the smallest State/Territory in area.

Symbols and other usages:

ann. av.	annual average
av. ord.	average ordinary
ERP	estimated resident population
n.a.	not available
p	preliminary
- -	not applicable

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ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA

Area	Unit	Period	ACT	Aust.
	'000 sq km		2.4	7 682.3
Buildings				
Building approvals	\$m	1994-95	608.2	27 518.7
Demography				
Estimated resident population	'000	June 1995	304.1	18 054.0
Population growth rate	%	June 1995	1.1	1.2
Births per '000 mean pop.		1994	14.8	14.5
Deaths per '000 mean pop.		1994	4.1	7.1
Marriages per '000 mean pop.		1994	5.5	6.2
Divorces per '000 mean pop.		1994	3.1	2.7
Earnings				
Average weekly earnings	av. ord. time adult (\$)	Aug 1995	742.9	651.9
Education				
Primary/secondary students	'000	1995	61.1	3 109.3
Technical and further education students	'000	1994	17.2	1 693.5
Higher education students	'000	1994	20.2	585.0
Finance				
Gross domestic product (current prices)	\$m	1994-95	9 433	455 732
Gross domestic product per capita	\$	1994-95	31 017	25 123
Labour force				
Employed persons	ann. av. '000	1994-95	154.5	8 093.1
Unemployed persons	ann. av. '000	1994-95	12.0	794.6
Manufacturing				
Persons employed	'000	1993-94	4.2	922.6
Turnover	\$m	1993-94	553	185 115

ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA — *continued*

	Unit	Period	ACT	Aust.
Retail trade				
Establishments	no.	1991–92	2 339	80 332
Turnover	\$m	1994–95	2 135.4	112 244.6
Transport				
New motor vehicles registered (excl. motor cycles)	'000	1994–95	12.0	638.9

CLIMATE OF ACT

(Lat.35° 19'S, Long.14°9' 11'E. Height above MSL 571 metres)

Averages for 1995

	Air temperature (°C)		Fog	Rain	
	max.	min.	days	days	mm
January	25.1	14.0	0	9	218.4
April	18.3	4.4	3	5	10.8
July	9.9	0.7	5	15	53.4
October	19.3	7.7	1	10	87

Extremes		During 1995	Long term
Air temperature	— hottest	33.2°C (26 Feb)	42.2°C (1.2.68)
	— coldest	–5.2°C (24 June)	–10.0°C (11.7.71)
Rainfall	— highest in month	218.4 mm (Jan)	312.0 mm (Mar 1950)
	— lowest in month	3.6 mm (Feb)	2.0 mm (Aug 1994)
Wind	— highest gust	87 km/hr (13 May)	128 km/hr (24.11.57)

TIME SERIES FOR THE ACT

AGRICULTURE	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Agricultural establishments	no.	82	95	93
Area	ha.	52 741	51 775	48 063
Total area of crops (excl. pastures and grasses)	ha.	514	353	322
Gross value of production				
Crops (incl. pastures and grasses)	\$'000	2 221	3 592	p3 742
Livestock				
Cattle and calves	no.	12 231	13 368	12 780
Sheep and lambs	no.	101 243	97 239	77 741
Poultry (all purposes)	no.	216 989	200 960	269 875
Livestock products				
Meat				
Beef and veal (carcass weight)	tonnes	860	851	1 052
Mutton and lamb (carcass weight)	tonnes	503	470	447
Pigmeat (carcass weight)	tonnes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Wool production				
Shorn wool, greasy	tonnes	455	421	440
Value of agricultural production				
Crops	\$'000	2 221	3 592	p3 742
Livestock slaughterings	\$'000	2 261	2 394	p2 002
Livestock products	\$'000	6 368	6 548	p6 173
Total	\$'000	10 850	12 535	p11 917

BUILDING	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Building approvals				
Houses	no.	2 443	1 679	1 533
Other residential	no.	1 896	2 381	1 184
<i>Total</i>	no.	4 339	4 060	2 717
Completions				
New residential	\$m	414.7	349.3	389.6
Alterations and additions				
to residential	\$m	61.1	67.1	69.0
Non-residential	\$m	349.9	168.0	368.0
Value of work done during period				
New residential	\$m	388.5	373.4	332.8
Alterations and additions				
to residential	\$m	59.1	67.7	69.3
Non residential	\$m	257.8	260.1	298.3
DEMOGRAPHY	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Estimated resident population as at 30 June				
Total persons	'000	298.9	300.9	304.1
Males	'000	150.1	151.3	153.2
Females	'000	148.8	149.6	151.0
By statistical sub-division as at 30 June		1993	1994	1995p
Canberra Central	'000	60.1	59.5	59.0
Belconnen	'000	88.3	87.6	87.0
Woden Valley	'000	33.8	33.4	33.1
Weston Creek	'000	26.3	25.8	25.1
Tuggerong	'000	84.7	86.9	88.7
Outer Canberra	'000	4.9	7.3	10.9
ACT Balance	'000	0.4	0.4	0.4
By age group (years)				
0-14	'000	67.3	66.7	66.3
15-19	'000	25.7	24.8	24.2
20-59	'000	177.1	180.4	183.6
60-64	'000	8.3	8.3	8.5
65 and over	'000	19.9	20.7	21.4

DEMOGRAPHY — continued

Vital events registered	Unit	1992	1993	1994
Births	no.	4 447	4 414	4 461
Deaths	no.	1 074	1 110	1 222
Infant deaths	no.	28	19	21
Marriages	no.	1 791	1 783	1 661
Divorces	no.	n.a.	887	931
Rate per 1,000 mean ERP at 30 June				
Births	no.	15.1	14.8	14.8
Deaths	no.	3.7	3.7	4.1
Marriages	no.	6.1	6.0	5.5
Divorces	no.	n.a.	3.0	3.1

EARNINGS AND INCOME	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Average weekly earnings (Aug)				
Full-time adult ordinary time (Aug)	\$	695.8	714.4	742.9
Full-time adult males (Aug)	\$	751.4	777.7	799.4
Full-time adult females (Aug)	\$	618.8	630.9	661.5

EDUCATION	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Schools				
Preschool centres	no.	82	84	85
Government	no.	95	96	98
Non-government	no.	39	41	39
Higher education	no.	(b)4	(b)4	(b)4
TAFE(a)	no.	9	9	9
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)				
Government	no.	2 847	2 881	2 630
Non-government	no.	1 256	1 282	1 302
Students				
Preschool centres	no.	4 410	4 453	4 596
Government	no.	40 492	40 163	40 120
Non-government	no.	20 821	21 037	20 988
Higher education	no.	20 723	20 202	20 012
TAFE(a)	no.	18 103	20 757	20 585

(a) Canberra Institute of Technology is responsible for 9 campuses & 2 annexes.

(b) Includes Signadou Campus of the Australian Catholic University.

EMPLOYED PERSONS**BY INDUSTRY, August**

	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	1.2	1.2	0.6
Mining	'000	0	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	'000	4.5	5.2	6.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000	0.9	1.4	0.6
Construction	'000	9.4	10.1	10.6
Wholesale trade	'000	5.0	4.8	5.4
Retail trade	'000	19.6	19.6	21.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000	8.3	8.0	9.4
Transport and storage	'000	4.2	4.7	4.0
Communication services	'000	1.8	2.8	2.8
Finance and insurance	'000	4.6	3.7	4.3
Property and business services	'000	14.3	15.4	15.7
Government administration and defence	'000	36.6	38.5	38.6
Education	'000	16.4	13.2	13.5
Health and community services	'000	12.3	12.6	12.5
Cultural and recreational services	'000	6.6	6.1	5.4
Personal and other services	'000	5.5	6.8	6.3

FOREIGN TRADE

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Imports	\$'000	18 721	21 745	12 143
Exports	\$'000	7 880	11 406	16 742

LABOUR FORCE, August

	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Employed persons	'000	151.1	154.1	158.4
Males	'000	80.7	82.7	85.2
Females	'000	70.4	71.4	73.2
Unemployed persons	'000	11.3	10.6	12.1
Males	'000	6.8	5.8	7.7
Females	'000	4.4	4.8	4.4
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	6.4	7.1
Males	%	7.8	6.5	8.3
Females	%	5.9	6.3	5.7

LABOUR FORCE, August — *continued*

	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Participation rate	%	72.3	72.1	73.9
Males	%	79.9	79.0	82.1
Females	%	65.2	65.5	66.0

MANUFACTURING	Unit	1991-92	1992-93	1994-95
Establishments	no.	272	242	281
Persons employed at 30 June	no.	3 752	3 752	4 200
Wages and salaries	\$m	105	104	125
Turnover	\$m	479	466	553

PRICES, June	Unit	1993	1994	1995
Consumer Price Index (Canberra)				
Base: 1989-90=100.0				
All groups		110.3	112.0	117.6
Food		108.6	111.4	116.7
Clothing		108.1	106.7	107.1
Housing		100.4	99.3	110.7
Household equipment and operation		107.8	107.8	110.4
Transportation		114.8	117.8	122.1
Tobacco and alcohol		125.2	132.2	143.3
Health and personal care		124.4	129.0	134.5
Recreation and education		109.4	112.0	114.1

Average retail prices (cents)

Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	100	105	109
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket	750 g	161	167	185
Rump steak	1 kg	1 009	1 072	1 186
Coffee	150g jar	396	432	568
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	73.2	71.9	75.0
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	n.a.	70.9	73.0

PRIVATE FINANCE

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Bank deposits held as at 30 June	\$m	3 233	3 246	4 197
Lending commitments for housing finance for owner occupation	\$m	1 099	1 315	1 025
Personal finance	\$m	454	506	548
Commercial finance	\$m	979	1 129	1 009
Lease finance	\$m	74	114	97

PUBLIC FINANCE

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Current outlays	\$m	1 075	1 067	1 083
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	827	805	825
Interest payments	\$m	56	59	51
Other current outlays	\$m	193	203	207
Capital outlays	\$m	183	154	194
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	234	190	213
Other capital outlays	\$m	-51	-36	-19
Revenue and grants received	\$m	1 243	1 178	1 191
Taxes, fees and fines	\$m	483	522	540
Grants from Commonwealth Govt	\$m	655	574	572
Other revenue	\$m	19		

RETAIL TRADE

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Turnover				
Food retailing	\$m	723.5	775.7	836.4
Department stores	\$m	275.3	278.3	281.8
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	152.4	154.3	150.1
Household good retailing	\$m	219.0	202.8	212.4
Recreational good retailing	\$m	102.0	128.6	135.6
Other household good retailing	\$m	169.3	182.4	174.6
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	297.4	337.7	344.5
Total	\$m	1 938.3	2 059.8	2 135.4

STATE ACCOUNTS

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Gross State product	\$m	8 516	9 088	9 430
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	4 712	5 052	5 060
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	1 171	1 183	950

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Hotels, motels and guest houses (with facilities)	no.	43	43	44
Establishments at 30 June	no.	3 545	3 530	3 593
Guest rooms at 30 June	\$'000	64 028	69 584	75 356
Takings from accommodation	%	59.5	64.2	65.4
Room occupancy rate				

Holiday flats and units

Letting entities at 30 June	no.	15	16	17
Units at 30 June	no.	491	574	766
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	9 921	10 591	14 877
Unit occupancy rate	%	66.3	66.9	70.5

Caravan parks

Establishments at 30 June	no.	5	5	5
Sites at 30 June	no.	1 074	1 074	1 074
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	3 237	2 954	2 851
Site occupancy rate	%	40.5	42.1	41.0

TRANSPORT

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
New motor vehicles registered				
Passenger motor vehicles	no.	9 384	10 871	10 582
Trucks	no.	131	132	161
Motor cycles	no.	243	197	350
Motor vehicles on register				
Passenger motor vehicles	'000	150.1	157.0	156.6
Trucks	'000	4.0	3.8	3.8
Motor cycles	'000	4.6	4.6	5.0

WELFARE SERVICES		1993	1994	1995
Pensioners at 30 June				
Age (incl. wives'/carers' pensioners)	no.	11 040	11 850	12 250
Invalid (incl. wives'/carers' pensioners)	no.	3 890	4 332	4 781
Sole parent	no.	4 111	4 482	4 586
Basic Family Payment	no.	62 266	55 186	52 388
Job Search and New Start Allowance	no.	8 867	9 583	9 687

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